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UNEMPLOYEMENT PROBLEM
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of unemployed persons constantly rising in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of the unemployed persons in Gujarat at present;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide them employment opportunity;

(d) whether several small industries have been closed down in Gujarat as a result of which a large number of persons have been rendered jobless;

(e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(f) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard alongwith the success achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) The number of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country has shown an increasing trend.

b) The number of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered in the various Employment Exchanges in Gujarat as on 1.03.2000 was of the order of 9.7 lakhs.

c) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment.
In Gujarat, job opportunities are limited in public sector; to provide employment opportunities locally in private sector, and industrial sector, industrial recruitment fairs are organised. State Government of Gujarat has also launched Pandit Din Dayal Sankalit Swavlamban Yojana to provide self-employment to the educated job-seekers. To encourage and enhance the recruitment in armed forces, State Govt. is running pre-service (Armed Forces) Training classes of duration of three months & special State level arm recruitment rallies in the State.
New popular technical courses are introduced in I.T.I.`s to provide technical skilled manpower in industrial sector and also in apprentice training courses.

d) & e) The information on the number of closed small scale units is not maintained as it is not compulsory for small scale units to register themselves with the State Governments. The Reserve Bank` of India, however, compiles data on sick small-scale industries financed by banks. As per the latest data compiled by the RBI the number of sick Small Scale Industries in Gujarat at the end of March, 1997, 1998 and 1999 was of the order of 6510, 6808 and 4170 respectively.f) The Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units; these measures inter-alia, include institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs); special rehabilitation cells in banks and State Financial Institutions; and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to the eligible units. The Government of Gujarat has constituted in August, 1998 the Gujarat Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (GBIFR) for helping revival of sick SSI units having investments in plant and machinery above Rs. 5 Lakhs.